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DECLARATION OF KENT VINCENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.131

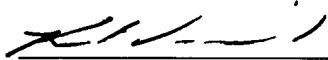
I, Kent Vincent, declare:

1. I am one of the inventors of the subject matter of the present, above-referenced application.
2. As evidence of reduction to practice, attached as EXHIBIT "VINCENT 1" is a true and correct copy of an "HP Invention Disclosure" form, dated 7/21/2000 on page 3, Signature of Witness(es) section, as submitted by me to the HP Legal Dept. which assigned docket no. "PDNO 10005744," see, first page, header box. This form is related to the present application both by content and docket number.
3. I hereby swear behind the inventions described in U.S. Pat. Nos. 6,432,740 and 6,579,742 (Chen, assigned to the common assignee herein) based on personal familiarity with the subject matter of work by Chen, a co-employee of common assignee HP and, among

other factors, on a comparison of the said HP Invention Disclosure PDNO 10005744 to Chen's Invention Disclosure PDNO "10017384," dated "5/31/2001" which evidences my earlier invention date; see Declaration of Eugene H. Valet attached hereto as EXHIBIT "VINCENT 2."

4. I maintained due diligence in pursuit of my invention which is exhibited by both these EXHIBITS and the filing date of Oct. 16, 2001 of this application.

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



Kent Vincent

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